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1. Process for the fashioning of a permanent connection between at least 2 components of an object, with at least one component thereof being a sealing or connecting component obtained by moulding of a thermoplastic elastomeric material, characterized in that the component is subjected to a treatment comprising the following steps:
 - a. stretching of the component of thermoplastic elastomeric material
 - b. relaxation of the component subjected to step (a) at ambient temperature
 - c. placement of the component obtained in step (b) at the location of the desired connection in the object
 - d. exposure to an increased temperature of at most about 20°C below the melting point of the thermoplastic elastomer.
 2. Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the thermoplastic elastomer is a copolyether ester.
 3. Sealing or connecting component for the fashioning of a permanent connection, obtained by a process comprising the steps of:
 - a. moulding the component from a thermoplastic elastomeric material;
 - b. stretching of the component;
 - c. relaxation of the component at ambient temperature.
 4. Sealing or connecting component according to Claim 3, characterized in that the thermoplastic elastomer is a copolyether ester.

